

**NOTE change in submission dates for programs in the Directorate for Biological Sciences:**

Unless explicitly noted in a Solicitation or Announcement, beginning in July 2010, BIO programs will be using deadlines instead of target dates for proposal submissions. As described in Chapter I.F.2 of the GPG, deadlines are dates after which proposals *will not be accepted for review* by NSF. A deadline date may be waived only in extenuating circumstances (e.g., childbirth, serious illness, death in the family, severe weather or natural disaster), and only with the written approval of the cognizant NSF Assistant Director/Office Head or designee, as described in Chapter II.A of the GPG. To ensure that your proposal will be accepted for review, make sure that it is submitted before the deadline, and that it is compliant with the formatting guidelines detailed in the GPG

([http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=gpg](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg)). Proposals that are returned without review because they are not compliant with the GPG cannot be resubmitted until the next deadline date. As a reminder, the semi-annual deadlines for submitting unsolicited proposals to the core programs in IOS and MCB are January 12 and July 12; in DEB the deadlines are January 9 and July 9. Please check the BIO funding opportunities page to find the relevant submission dates for all other BIO program solicitations ([http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_list.jsp?org=BIO](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=BIO)). 1/21/10